

EXPLO Systems Inc

Camp Minden, Webster Parish, LA



Magazine Explosion –
Oct. 2012



Improper storage of M6 Propellant –
Nov. 2012

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ISSUE: 18M lbs of explosive materials in 98 filled magazines



Entities Involved

Potentially Responsible Parties:

- Explo Systems, Incorporated – Operator
- DOD/ARMY – Generator
- Louisiana Military Department (LMD) – Owner
- General Dynamics – Generator
- Alliant (ATK) – Generator

Coordinating Agencies:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF)
- Louisiana Department on Environmental Quality (LDEQ)
- Louisiana State Police (LSP)

Timeline & Completed Actions

- **January 2005:** DOD transferred property to LMD after an NPL Clean Up for groundwater contaminated by Red Water
- **March 2010:** DOD contracted EXPLO to recycle explosives
- **October 2012:** Magazine explodes. LSP/EPA/LDEQ/ATF respond
- **November 2012:** LSP/LMD initiated relocation of unsecured explosives from EXPLO Systems to magazines at Camp Minden
- **Feb 2013:** LMD/LA Governor's Office request for transportation & storage of explosives to Secretary of Defense was denied
- **April & May 2013:** DOD ESB conducted safety assessments

Timeline & Completed Actions

- **May 2013:** LSP/LMD completed relocation of ~10 million lbs. of explosives into magazines at Camp Minden
- **August 2013:**
 - ATF revoked EXPLO's explosives license
 - EXPLO filed for Bankruptcy
 - Identification of 3 M lbs. of M6 in Camden, AR
 - EPA issues AOC/SOW to PRPs
- **September 2013:** 18 M lbs. of explosives transferred from EXPLO to LMD
- **November 2013:** EPA Issues General Notice Letter to DOD/Army

What's Been Done:

- LSP, LMD, LDEQ, EPA, & ATF – close coordination
- 10 M lbs. improperly stored explosives relocated to magazines



Next Steps:

EPA to negotiate AOC or pursue enforcement with PRPs and participating agencies to address hazardous substances and explosives



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